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**MADMEN!**



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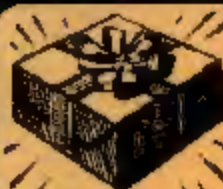


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# the BLUE BEETLE

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# A REIGN OF FEAR AND MADNESS IS CREATED BY THE MADMEN





THE TIME: 2:30 P.M.  
THE PLACE: AN ALLEY  
IN HUB CITY...

LET'S GO, MADMEN!  
IT'S TIME FOR US  
TO GET TO WORK...  
AT THE BANK!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE  
WITHDRAWING MONEY  
OTHER PEOPLE  
DEPOSIT!



THIS IS A FRIENDLY  
WARNING! DON'T  
ANYONE TRY  
ANYTHING AND  
NO ONE WILL  
GET HURT!

DON'T BOTHER TO HELP! WE  
LIKE TO DO THIS PART OUR-  
SELVES! IT MAKES US FEEL  
WE'RE EARNING  
THE MONEY WE  
TAKE!



THE BUGS ANTENNA PUT  
A FIX ON A GUN SHOT  
AND THERE'S A BANK  
IN THIS AREA! WITH  
THIS WEATHER IT  
CAN ONLY BE  
THE MADMEN!



THIS GUY'S NOT  
HERE TO MAKE  
A DEPOSIT --  
THROW HIM  
OUT!

WELL, THEY'RE READY  
FOR ANYTHING! I'LL  
SAY THAT  
FOR THEM...



...BUT EXPECTING THE UN-  
EXPECTED IS ALSO PART  
OF MY PROFESSION. WELL,  
BADMEN, HOW DID I  
HANDLE THAT?









LATER, AT THE MADMEN'S HIDEOUT!

ALL THE GUN DOES IS HUM! WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS IT, ANYWAY?

THERE MUST BE SOME SPECIAL WAY TO FIRE IT... BUT HOW?



WELL, IT'S USELESS TO US, FLEETER, WE SHOULD LAY LOW...

IDIOT! I'LL DO THE THINKING! SOON EVERYONE WILL KNOW WE HAVE THIS GUN BUT THEY WON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S CAPABLE OF DOING! THAT MAKES IT THE MOST DEADLY WEAPON THERE IS!



EVERYONE WHO FACES THIS GUN WILL BE OVERCOME BY THE HORROR OF WHAT IT MIGHT DO TO THEM! WAIT AND SEE!



THE BLUE BEETLE SHOULD BE ARRESTED FOR CARRYING A WEAPON. HE DOESN'T HAVE A LICENSE!

I HEARD ITS SOUND DRIVES MEN INSANE!

NOW, NO ONE IS SAFE! THAT GUN IS A DEATH RAY!



TEH, COULDN'T YOU CALL THE PAPERS AND TELL THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GUN?

THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME! NO, THE ONLY WAY IS TO GET THE GUN BACK MYSELF!



LOOK AFTER MY LAB, TRACEY. THE BLUE BEETLE HAS TO BE READY TO MOVE QUICKLY!

I'M SURE THE MADMEN WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSSESSING MY GUN AND STRIKE AGAIN... SOON!



A SHORT TIME LATER AT A SAVINGS BANK ...

THAT NOISE! IT'S THE BEETLE GUN! DON'T SHOOT!

DON'T DISINTEGRATE US! DON'T FIRE!

HA HA HA!



HA HA, NO ONE EVEN DARES TO LOOK DEFIANT!

TURN THE GUN OFF! TAKE THE MONEY AND GO!



ANYONE WHO TURNS AROUND BEFORE WE'RE OUT OF HERE, I'LL FIRE AT FULL POWER AND...

NO, NO! WE WON'T TURN AROUND... PLEASE GO!



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THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO  
GET TOO FAR... I CAN  
STILL GET ANOTHER  
CRACK AT THEM!



NO SIGN OF THEM!  
HOW DO THOSE  
MADMEN GET  
AWAY SO  
FAST?



I'LL CRUISE AROUND FOR  
AWHILE! THEY MAY HAVE  
PLANNED A SERIES OF  
ROBBERIES... ONE  
AFTER  
ANOTHER!



MEANWHILE, BELOW IN AN  
APARTMENT BUILDING...

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING GOING INTO  
DAN GA--



DAN GARRET!  
IT'S YOU!  
BUT WHAT  
HAPPENED?

HI, IKE. I HAD  
A LITTLE  
ACCIDENT WHILE  
I WAS AWAY!  
I'M OKAY  
NOW!



Hmm. I WONDER IF I SHOULD  
TELL LT. FISHER, DAN'S BACK?  
HE WAS MIGHTY ANXIOUS  
TO SEE HIM LAST  
TIME HE TALKED  
TO ME!



MIKE, I THINK YOUR HUNCH IS  
RIGHT. THE MADMEN ARE  
REALLY THE OLD  
FLEETER MOB  
WITH A NEW  
TWIST!

AND THEY'D  
COMPLETELY  
DROPPED OUT  
OF SIGHT!



SEE IF YOU CAN  
GET A NEW  
LINE ON  
THEM!

LT. FISHER,  
CALL FOR  
YOU!



IKE COLAR. YES! WHAT! DAN  
GARRET! YOU'RE SURE IT'S  
HIM? AND HE WENT OUT  
AGAIN! OKAY, I'LL  
HAVE SOMEONE  
OVER THERE AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE!





THE COMMENTATORS ARE HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH YOU AND YOUR MISSING GUN!

I'M NOT SURPRISED! WELL, LET'S SEE HOW MUCH WORK I CAN GET DONE BEFORE TOMORROW!

CLICK!

AND THE PROTESTS MOUNT DEMANDING THAT ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST THE BLUE BEETLE!

HA HA! PEOPLE WOULD RATHER FIGHT A GOOD GUY THEY THINK IS GOING BAD THAN STAND UP TO SOMEONE THEY KNOW IS ROTTEN!

I SAY BRAND THE BEETLE AN OUTLAW!

NO ONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD STAND UP TO THAT GUN - IT'S TOO DEADLY!

WHAT KIND OF FIEND IS HE?

EARLY THE NEXT DAY...

I'M ON MY WAY! I'LL STAY IN TOUCH, TRACEY!

THAT TAKES CARE OF THE BARRIER, NOW TO OPEN THE RIVER WALL DOOR!

THE CONTROL SHOWS IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT! AND NOW TO CLOSE THE WALL DOOR.

ANOTHER WET DAY, I HOPE IT'S STILL THE MADMEN'S FAVORITE KIND OF WEATHER!

AND SURE ENOUGH AT A FEDERAL BANK.

NO! NO! TURN IT OFF!

GOT A WEAK SIGNAL NOW IT'S CUT OFF! BUT I HAVE A FIX ON IT IT'S UPTOWN!

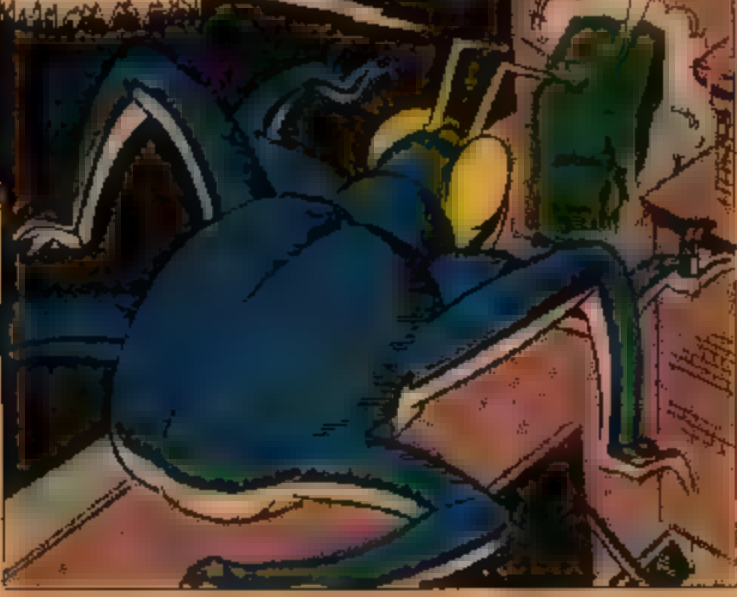
TOO BAD I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN CLOSER... THEY HAVE A BIG LEAD!

THEY'RE PILING INTO THAT TRUCK! SO THAT'S HOW THEY GET AWAY!



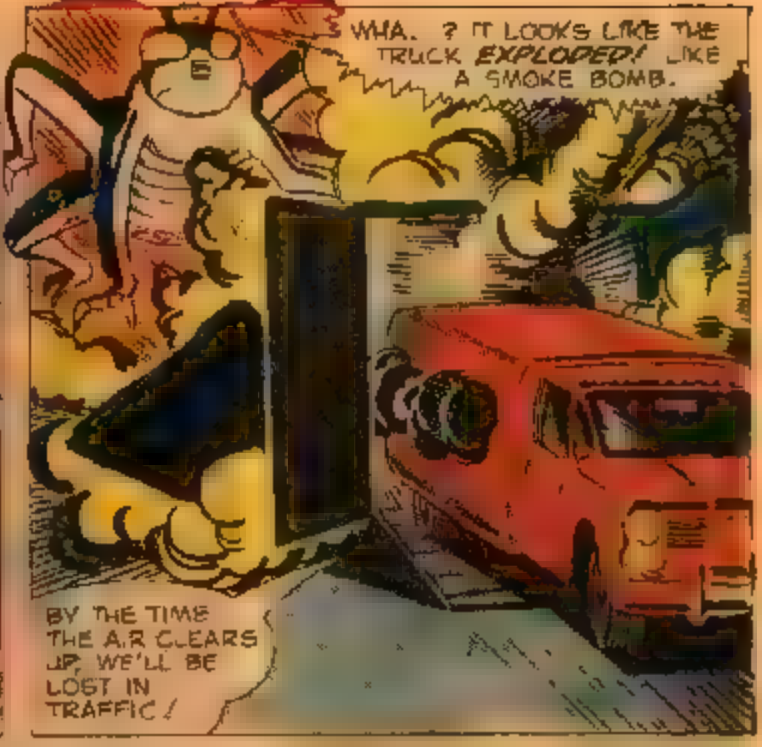
NOW THAT THEY'RE ALL  
IN ONE NEAT BUNDLE  
THE BUG CAN WRAP  
THEM UP  
SECURELY!

IT'S THE **BEETLE**, QUICK!  
YOU ALL KNOW WHAT TO  
DO! **MOVE!**



WHA. ? IT LOOKS LIKE THE  
TRUCK **EXPLODED!** LIKE  
A SMOKE BOMB.

BY THE TIME  
THE A.R. CLEARS  
UP, WE'LL BE  
LOST IN  
TRAFFIC!



THERE'S NO ONE DOWN  
THERE. THEY GAVE  
ME THE SLIP  
AGAIN!



I'VE BLOWN TOO MANY CHANCES.  
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE IT  
GOOD THE NEXT TIME... IF  
THERE IS A NEXT TIME.



MEANWHILE THE FAMOUS  
HISTORIAN, PROFESSOR LOMA HAS  
A CALLER.

HERE IS THE  
DATA YOU  
WANTED  
DAN.

THANKS PROFESSOR!  
YOU'LL GET A  
COMPLETE REPORT  
ON EVERYTHING!



I'LL GO OVER THIS  
MATERIAL WHILE MY  
ARM IS HEALING.  
I'LL SEE YOU  
BEFORE I LEAVE!

IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING ELSE  
LET ME  
KNOW!



### DAN GARRET'S APARTMENT

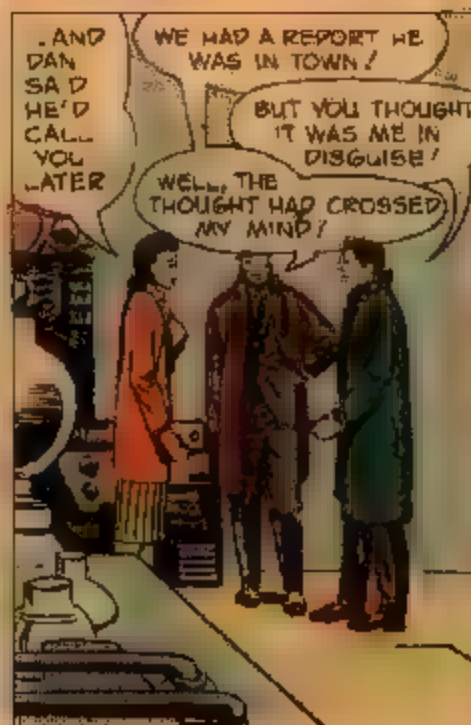
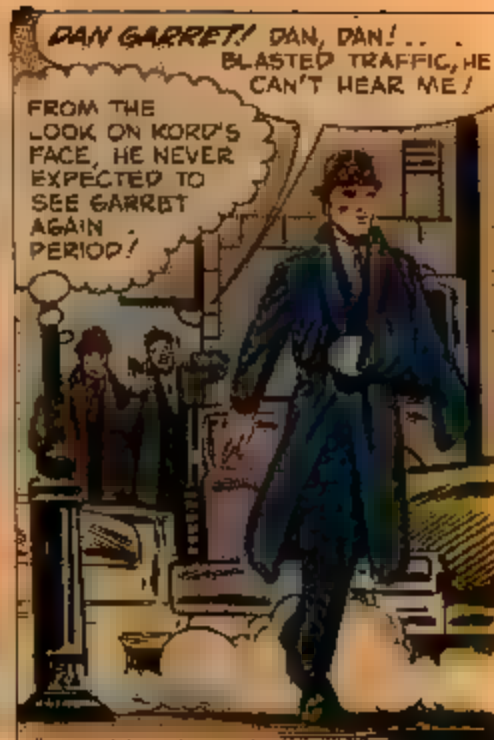
HE NEVER CAME BACK... AND THE  
ONLY THING MISSING FROM THE  
LIST WE MADE IS SOME MAPS.  
I'VE GOT A HUNCH **DAN GARRET'S**  
NOT COMING BACK... IF  
HE WAS EVER  
HERE!



WE BETTER START CHECKING  
EVERYONE WHO KNEW GARRET!  
IT'S GOING TO BE INTERESTING  
TO SEE TED KORD'S  
REACTION TO  
ALL OF THIS!









# WHILE ELSEWHERE .

I SPEAK FOR ALL WHO SEEK JUSTICE/ THE PROOF LIES IN THE RESULTS OF PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AND I SAY THAT ALL DECENT CITIZENS DEMAND MEASURES BE TAKEN AT ONCE AGAINST THE BLUE BEETLE, SO THAT WE CAN RETURN TO A LIFE WITHOUT FEAR!



I SAY WE SHOULD START ORGANIZING PROTEST MARCHES .. AND PICKET CITY HALL!

YES, THEY'D REALIZE THEN THAT WE KNOW WHAT HAS TO BE DONE!



WE STRIKE AS LONG AS THE HEAT'S ON THE BLUE BEETLE! AFTER ALL, IT'S HIS GUN THAT'S THE REAL CRIMINAL.. IT'S FORCING US TO USE IT HA/HA!



# NEXT MORNING. .

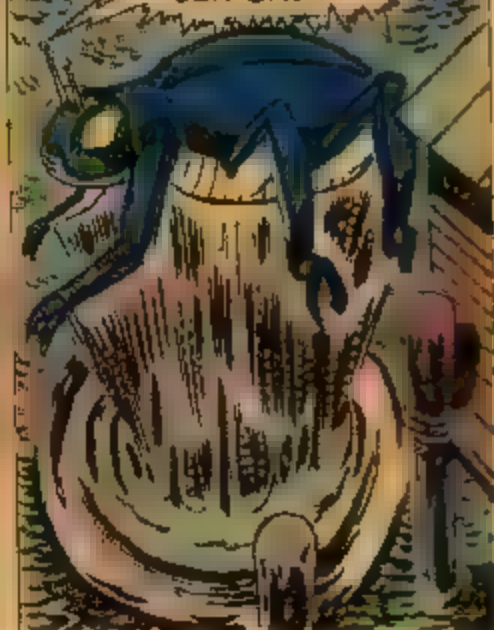
THE MINUTE DAN CALLS, TRACEY, CONTACT ME. I MUST TALK TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



IF I HAVE TO END MY SHORT CAREER NOW, I'D LIKE TO DO IT WITH A CLEAN RECORD!



AND THAT MEANS GETTING THE BEETLE GUN BACK!

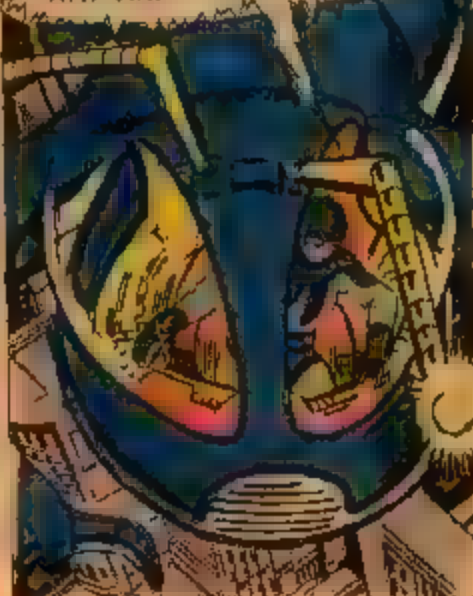


MEANWHILE, ANOTHER BANK FACES THE BLUE BEETLE'S GUN IN THE HANDS OF THE MADMEN!

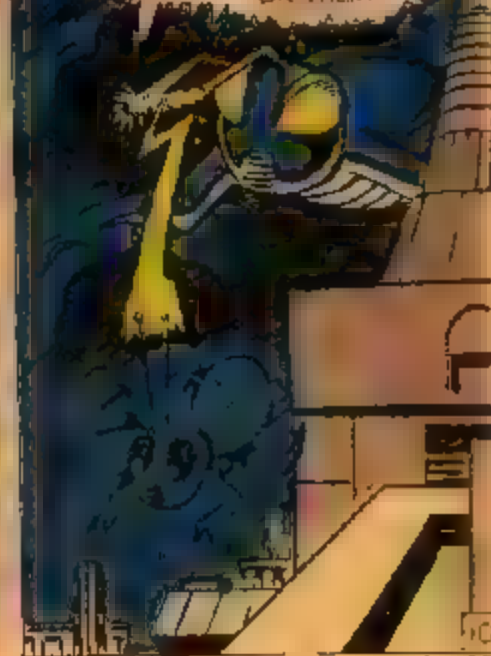
TAKE WHAT YOU WANT, BUT DON'T HARM US WITH THE GUN!



THE GUNS IN USE AGAIN! THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING TO CHARGE IN BLINDLY! INSTEAD, I'LL HANG BACK OUT OF THEIR WAY AND ..



I'D SPATCH MY TINY BUG TO KEEP ITS TV EYES ON THEM



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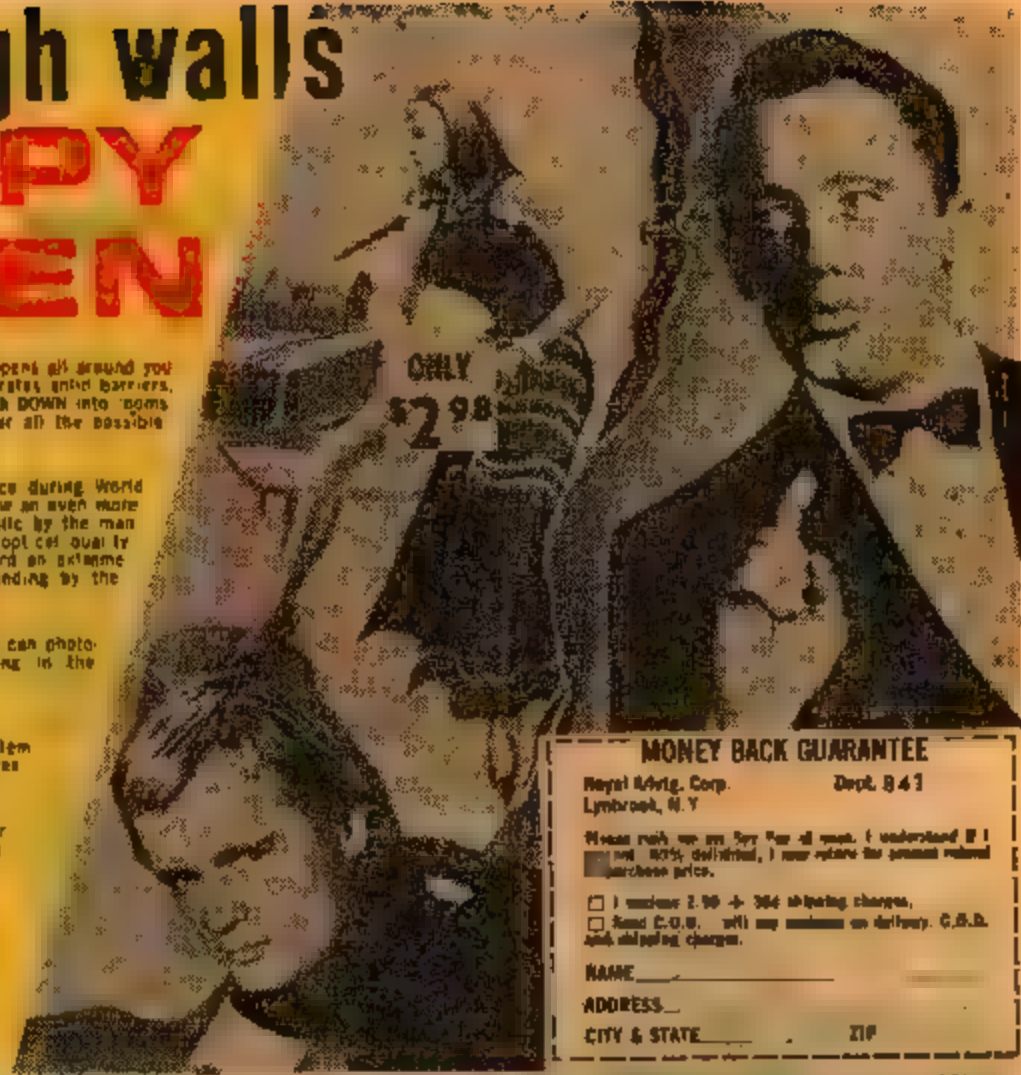
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THE MADMEN ARE IN THAT TRUCK / I CAN PICK UP THEIR GLOATING VOICES NOW TO FOLLOW THEM.

SO THEY HOLE UP IN THE DESERTED PATE'S FACTORY

SINCE THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY OF THEM FOR ME

IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF I JUST CASE THE REHDEOUT AND CALL THE POLICE!

THE POLICE CAN ROUND UP THE MADMEN AND MY GUN WILL BE OUT OF CRIMINAL HANDS AS AN EX BLUE BEETLE, I WON'T FIND MUCH USE FOR IT ANYWAY

THE ALARM SIGNAL I'VE GOT COMPANY! GET READY TO INVITE HIM IN ANY BETS ON WHO OUR BUGGY INTRUDER IS? HA HA! NOW!

THEY CHANGED MY MIND! I'LL TAKE THEM ON BY MYSELF AFTER ALL!

I WAS RIGHT! IT'S OUR OLD PLAYMATE!

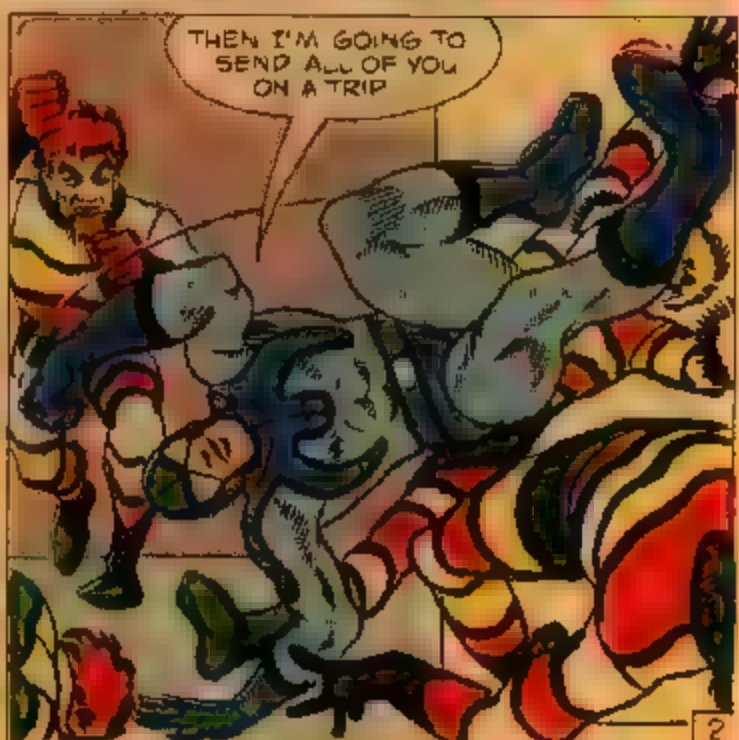
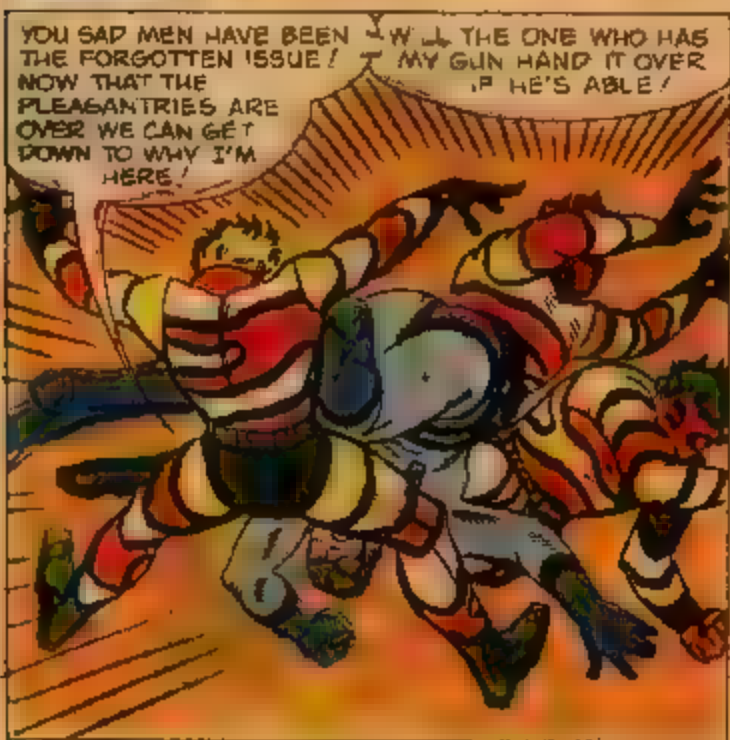
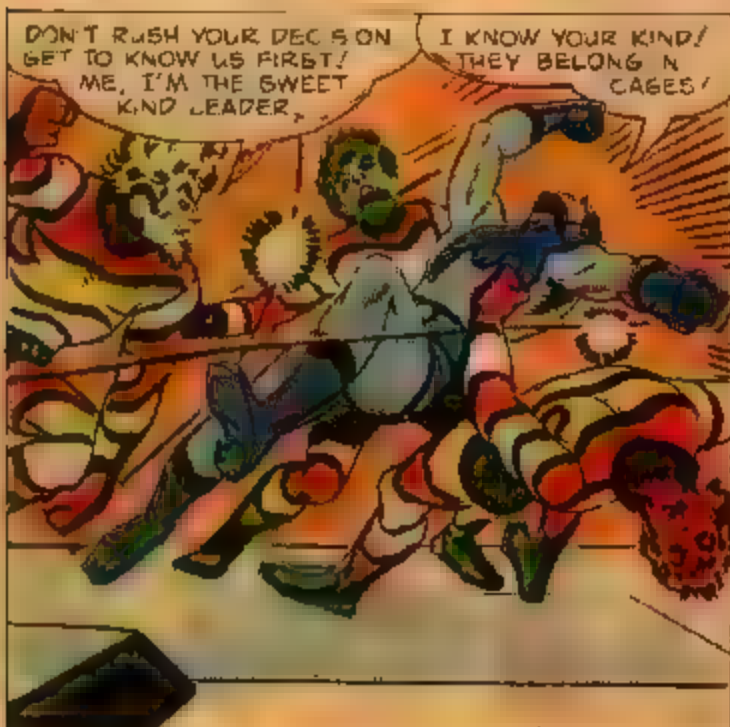
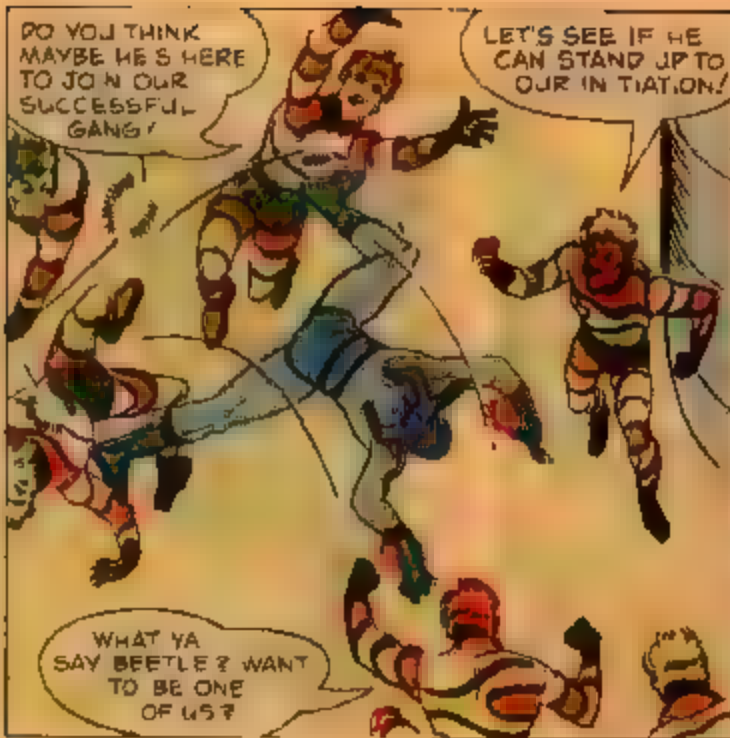
I CAN USE THIS OVERHANGING PIPE TO BREAK MY FALL AND TO LET ME CHOOSE MY OWN LANDING SPOT!

THERE'S NO WAY OUT FOR THAT BUG! THIS TIME WE FINISH HIM!

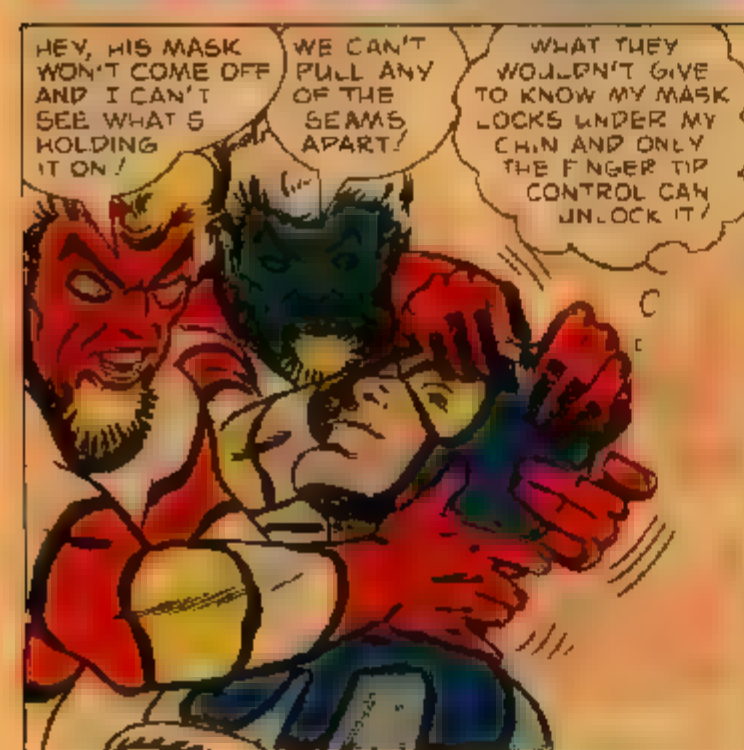
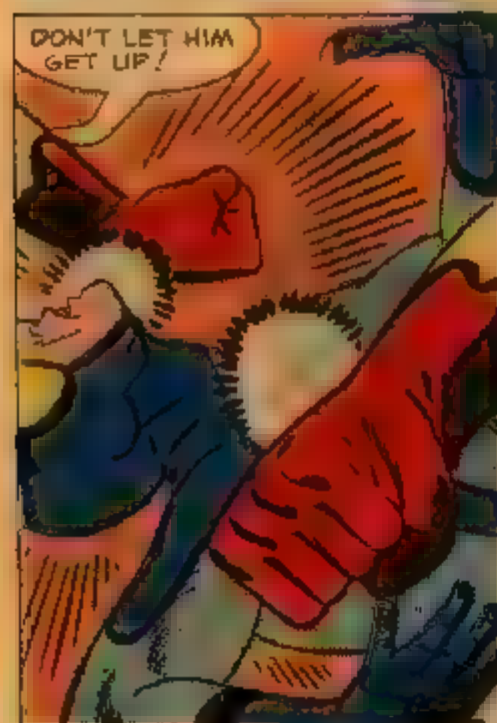
WATCH OUT! HE'S SWINGING THIS WAAA

ONCE AGAIN, I FIND MYSELF IN BAD COMPANY!

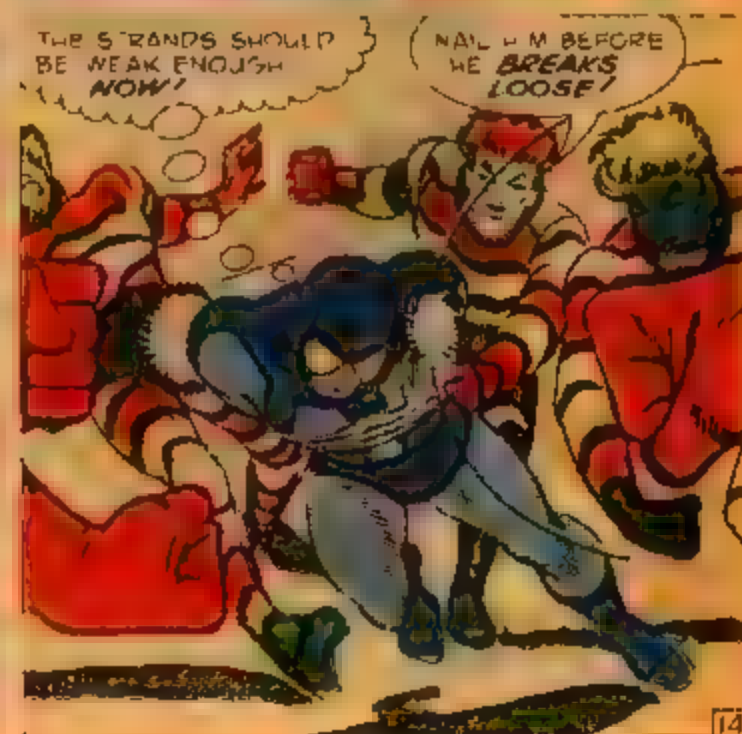
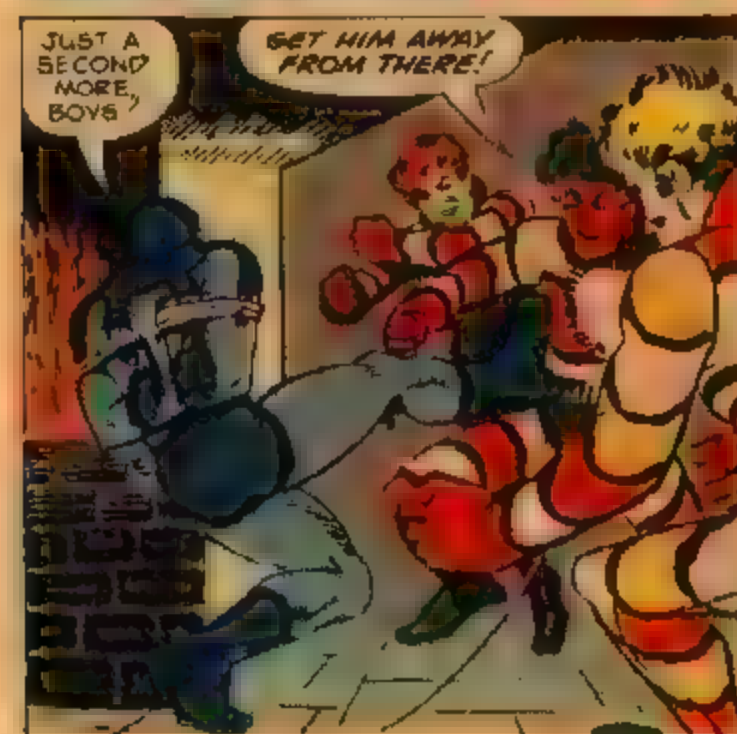




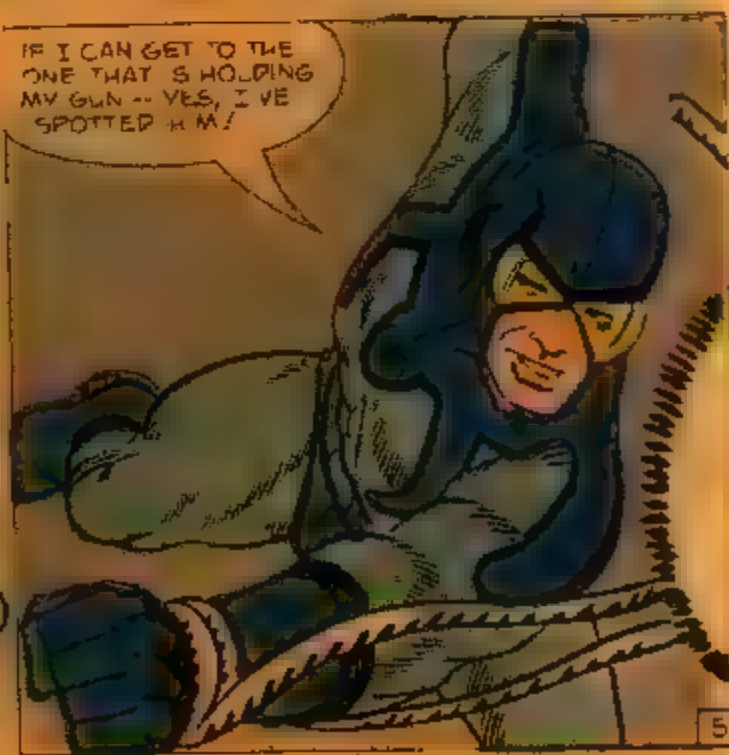
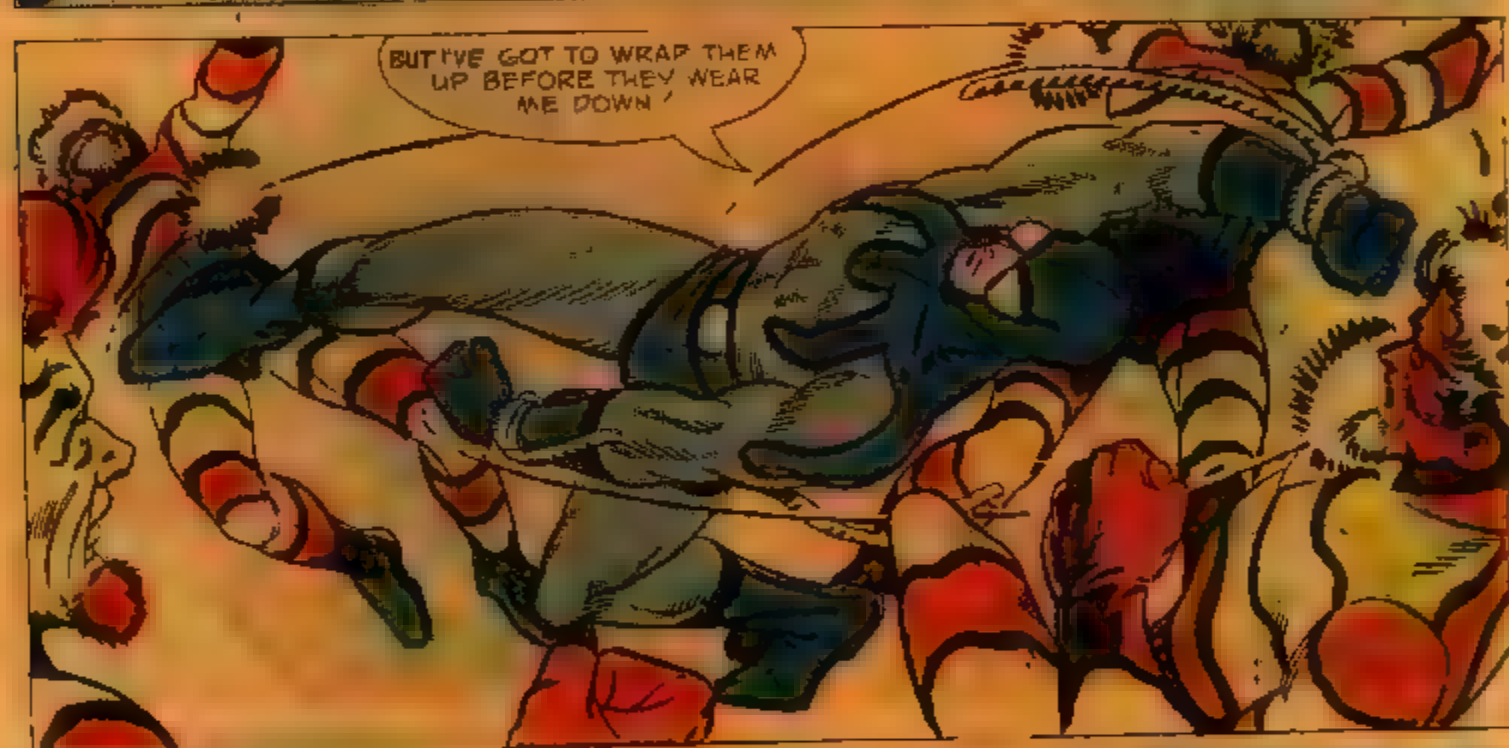
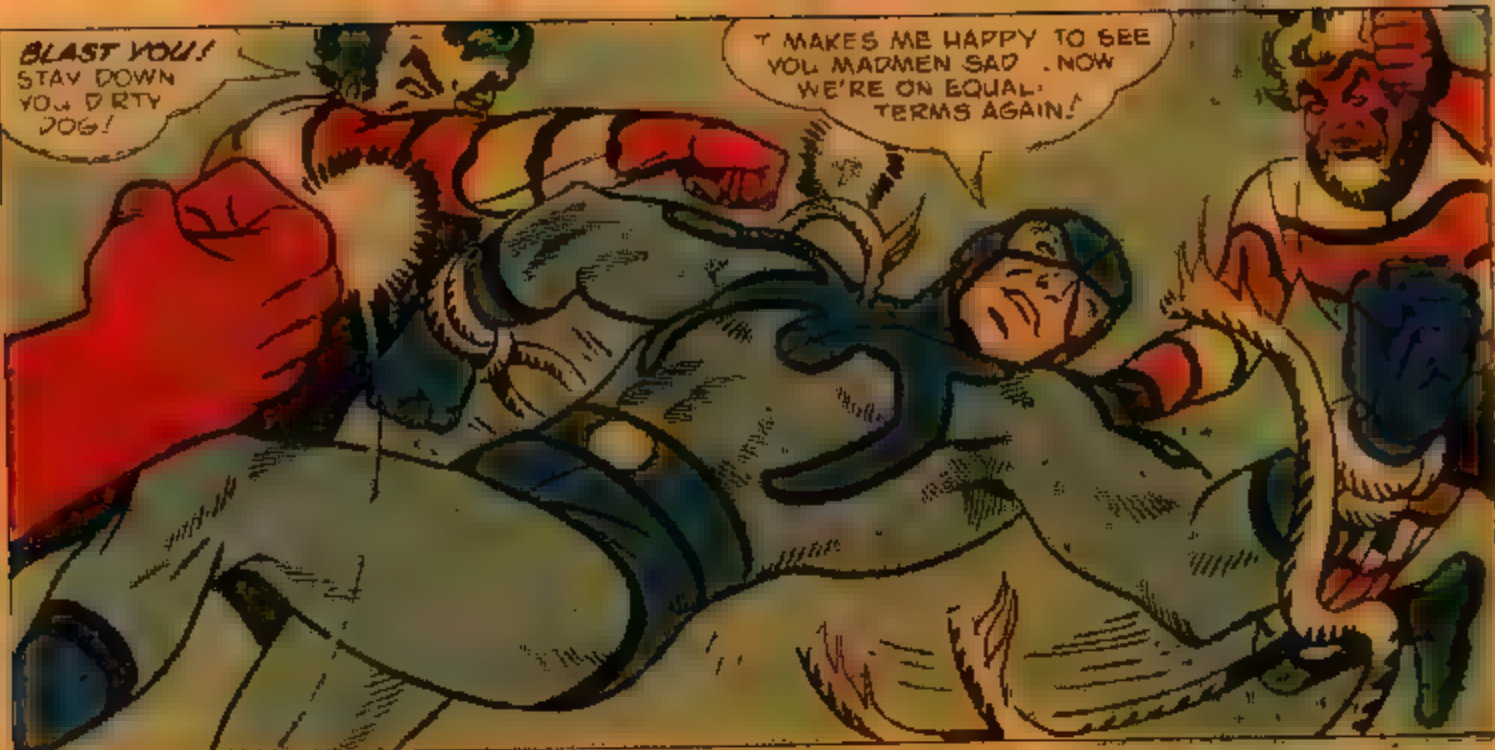




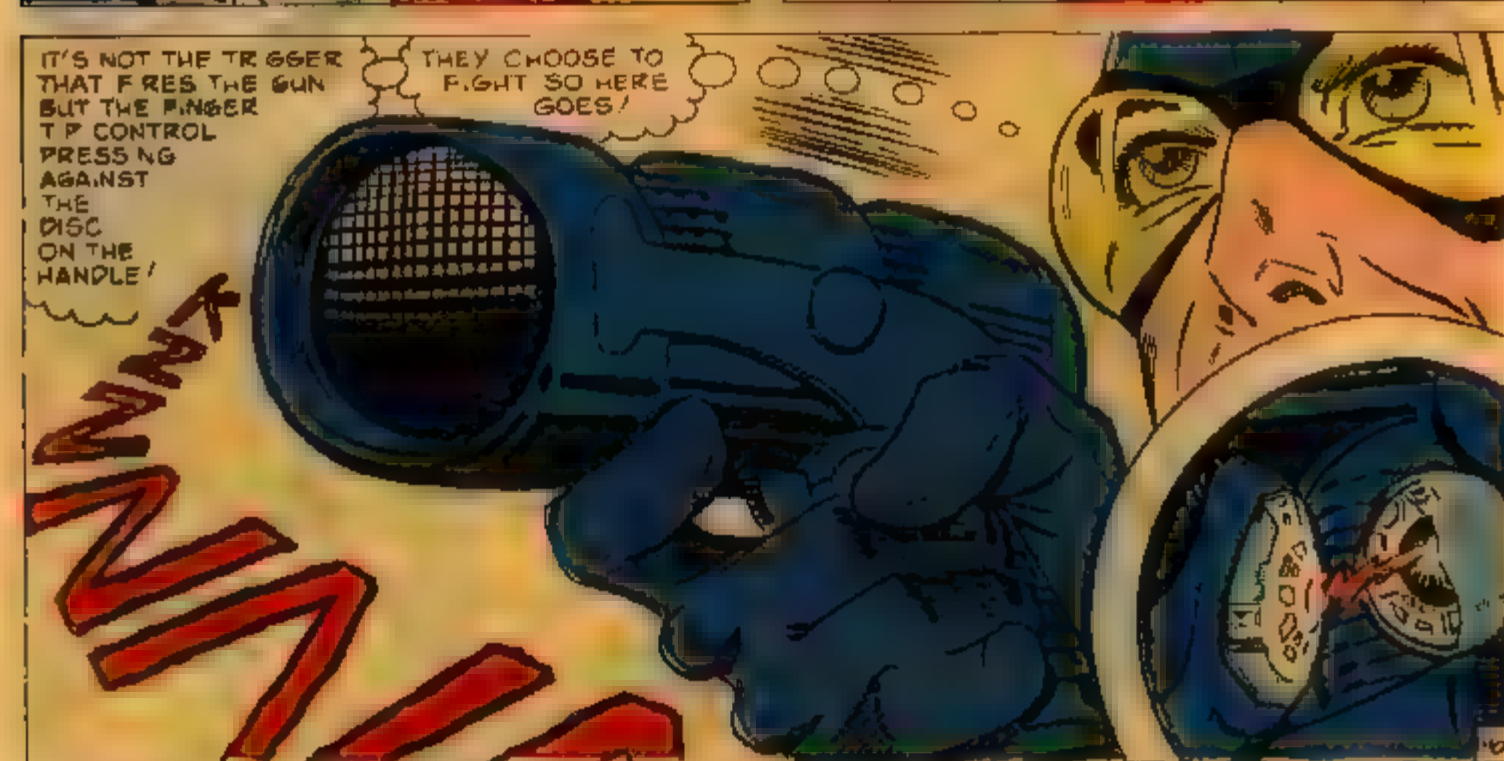
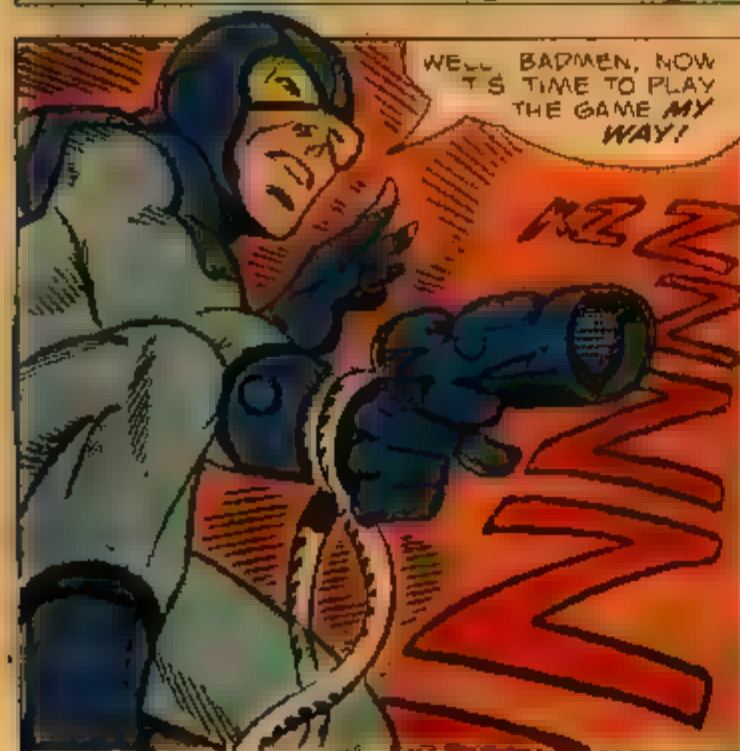














SUDDENLY, THERE IS A BRILLIANT  
FLASH OF LIGHT!



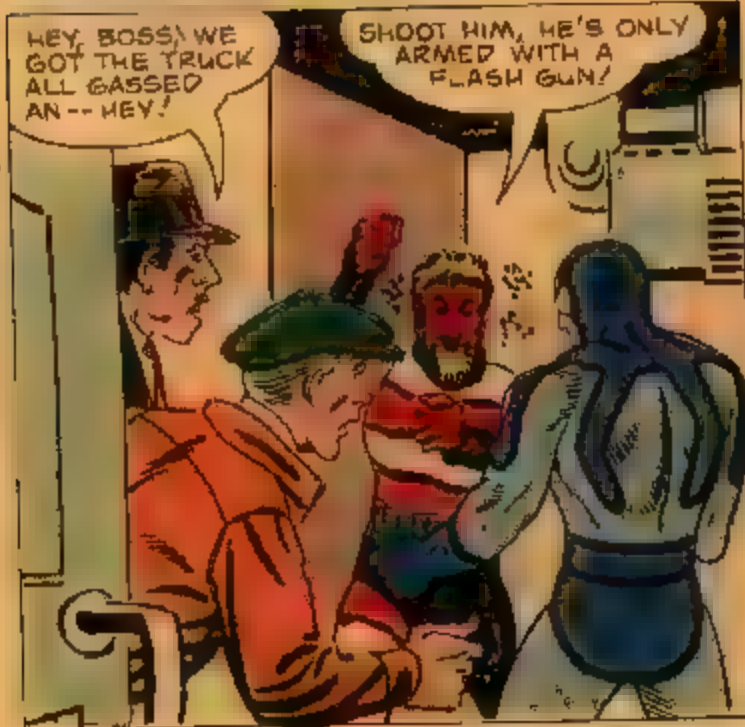
WHA! IT'S  
ONLY A  
FLASH  
GUN?

YOU JOKERS D'DN'T THINK  
I'D CARRY AROUND A  
DEADLY WEAPON?  
THIS GUN SERVES  
MY PURPOSE!



HEY, BOSS! WE  
GOT THE TRUCK  
ALL GASSED  
AN-- HEY!

SHOOT HIM, HE'S ONLY  
ARMED WITH A  
FLASH GUN!



COVER YOUR EYES  
TILL WE DRAW OUR  
GUNS THEN WE'LL  
BOTH BLAST  
HIM!

EVEN IF YOU KNOW  
WHAT MY GUN CAN  
DO, IT STILL GIVES  
ME AN EDGE!



YOU'RE EITHER PUT OUT  
OF ACTION BY THE  
FLASH OR YOU  
CLOSE YOUR EYES--

AND THAT GIVES ME  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
KEEP THEM CLOSED!  
I'LL DEMONSTRATE!

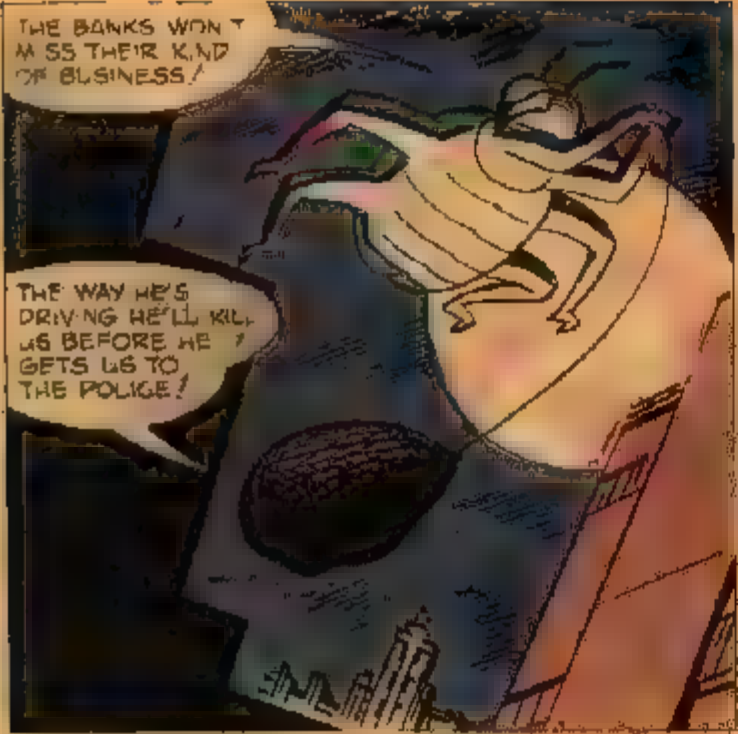


TOO BAD I DIDN'T SPOT  
THAT NETTING BEFORE!  
IT WILL WRAP  
EVERYONE UP  
NICELY!

I CAN SEE  
AGA... HEY!

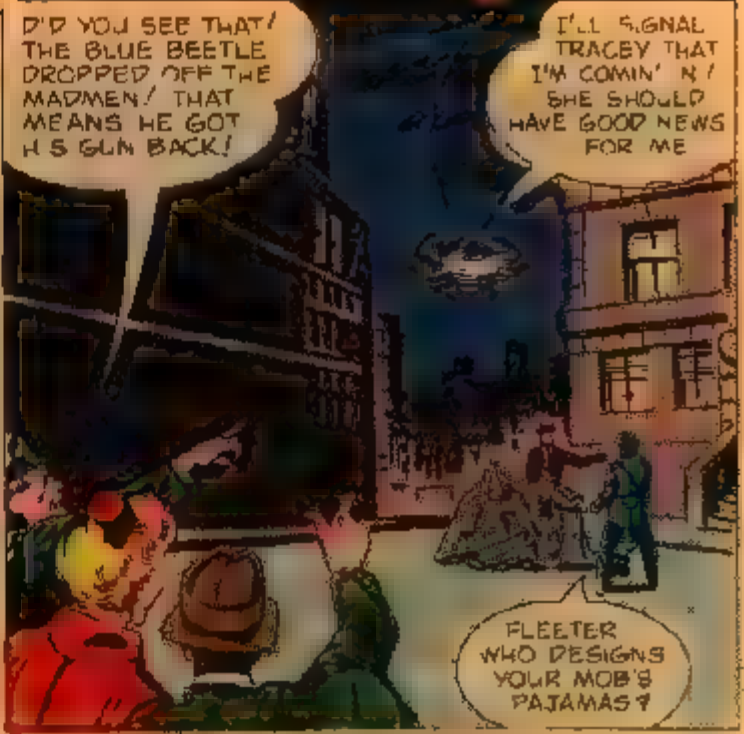






THE BANKS WON'T MISS THEIR KIND OF BUSINESS!

THE WAY HE'S DRIVING HE'LL KILL US BEFORE HE GETS US TO THE POLICE!



DID YOU SEE THAT! THE BLUE BEETLE DROPPED OFF THE MADMEN! THAT MEANS HE GOT HIS GUN BACK!

I'LL SIGNAL TRACEY THAT I'M COMIN' N! SHE SHOULD HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR ME

FLEETER WHO DESIGNS YOUR MOB'S PAJAMAS?



HARRUMP! I WAS NEVER ONE OF THOSE WHO WAS AGAINST THE BLUE BEETLE!

NOR I - I ALWAYS ADORED BLUE!



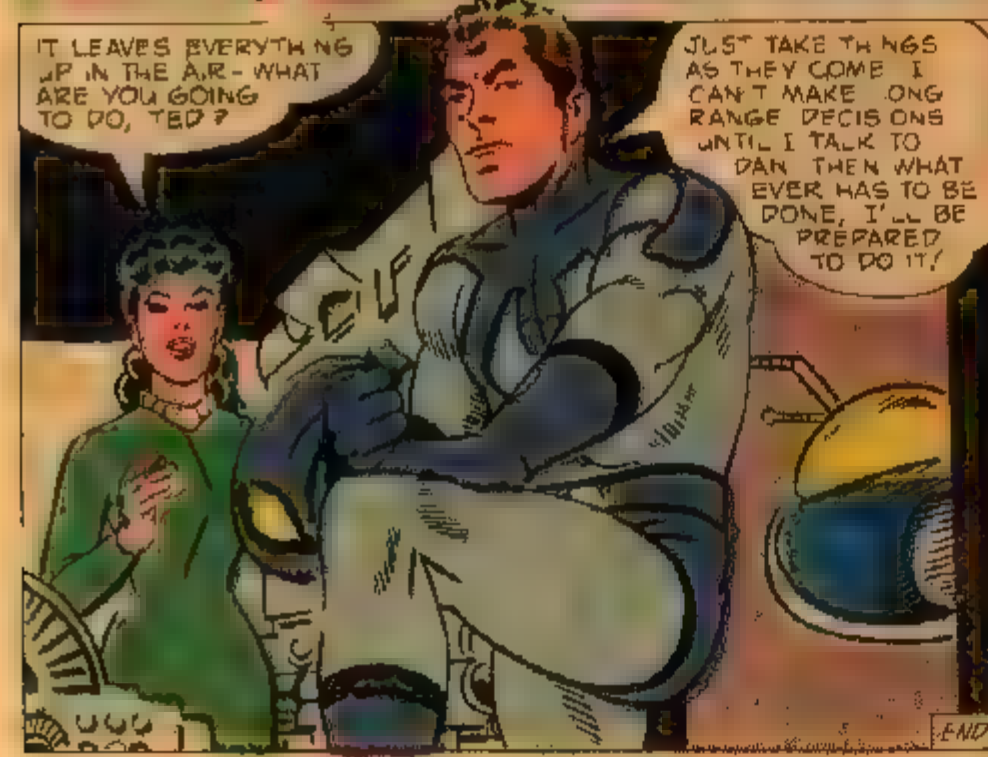
STILL NO WORD FROM DAN!

I GUESS LT FISHER HASN'T FOUND HIM YET OR HE'D HAVE CALLED



WHAT'S HOLDING DAN BACK, YOU'D THINK HE'D BE JUST AS ANXIOUS TO SEE AND TALK TO YOU!

IT'S PUZZLING!



IT LEAVES EVERYTHING UP IN THE AIR - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, TED?

JUST TAKE THINGS AS THEY COME I CAN'T MAKE LONG RANGE DECISIONS UNTIL I TALK TO DAN THEN WHAT EVER HAS TO BE DONE, I'LL BE PREPARED TO DO IT!



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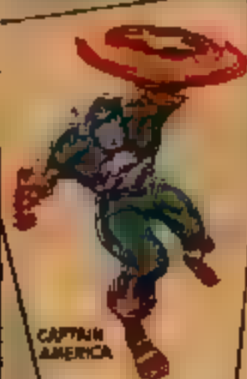
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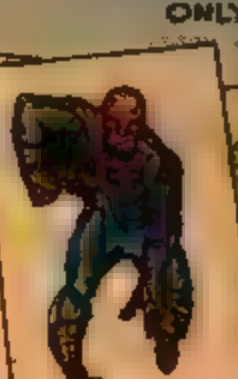
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Dear Editor:

Wow! I'm doing cartwheels and backflips! You're probably wondering why I'm doing such things. Well, wouldn't you do the same if you were waiting for the newest, greatest act on-hero to get his own mag, hence, one week later there it is, Big as life, THE (new) BLUE BEETLE now in his own mag! Sure you would. Everybody wouldn't they?

Also I'd like you guys to know that your comics have improved immensely in the past year. There was a time when I thought your mags were about the poorest on the stands. But I stuck with you; for I knew there would come a day when CHARLTON COMICS would rise to the top of its profession. Of course, I was correct as usual. Just keep up the good work and you may even conquer the world before MARVEL.

Uncle Bob  
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201

Thanks for the kind words, Uncle Bob! But who wants to conquer the world? ...wouldn't know what to do with it! We're just trying to put out a decent comic.

Dear Editor:

BLUE BEETLE #1 aside from the fact that there was a little trouble with the thought balloons, was excellent. From cover to cover Steve Ditko's art was as good if not better than ever.

With the first issue of most superhero comics there are always a few basic questions that arise. I would like to see how well I can do answering them myself.

Q. Will you be giving out any original art?

A. No.

Q. Will you feature BB in a story with one of your other action-heroes such as Captain Atom?

A. Yes.

Q. Why not reprint some of the old BB stories?

A. We'll think about it.  
Well how did I do?

Talking about questions, I felt the Quest on story in BB #1 was a good strip even if Professor Rodor and Celia Star, who were on the first page's cast of characters were not in the story. The Question story reminded me very much of a golden age hero, with fast action and an average of eight panels a page (most new comics have six or less). At the end of the story a superhero called The Banshee is listed to appear in the spot where the Quest on story was, does this mean that there will be no more Quest on stories or will he be put in the spot where the short story of BB's in Captain Atom comics?

Dave Caplan  
1640 Sherbourne Dr.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90035

The answers to your first three questions are no, no and no in that order. To further clarify this; we don't give out original art...we need it! Now, don't jump down our throats...we have made exceptions to this no art bit but only when certain factors were present which made it possible to do so. Don't ask us to explain, it's too complicated. Suffice it to say these certain factors are not present in BB art!

Internal problems make it difficult to do team-ups or reprints at this time.

Now The Question; Professor Rodor and Celia will appear in subsequent issues. We couldn't jam everybody into the first episode. The Banshee is not a superhero...he's a villain whom The Question battles in BLUE BEETLE #2. You've probably read it by now...right?

Dear Editor:

In the winter of 1939 Fox Features published the first issue of BLUE BEETLE. That was before my time, but I managed to purchase a couple of issues from dealers. It is interesting to note that the costume changed little during its run of publication.

In June, 1964 Charlton's first BLUE BEETLE came out. The only change in costume from that of the 40's was the mask and red stripe on the head.

This Blue Beetle was perhaps better than the first because the stories were not meant to be propaganda. Instead, the second Blue Beetle fought supernatural and science-fiction menaces like the Mummy, Mr. Thunderbolt, Praying Mantis Man, Mentor, Magno Man, and the Eye of Horus. Even though the stories were good better than average, Charlton's Blue Beetle suffered because of art work. Small wonder then that after the March, 1966 issue, Dan Garrett, the Blue Beetle went into comic book limbo for the second time.

But, as they say "You can't keep a good man down." This was the case with the Blue Beetle. CAPTAIN ATOM #83 gave us a seven page story of still another Blue Beetle, this time however, with an excellent script by Gary Friedrich and art by Steve Ditko. It is interesting to note a costume change, and a welcome one. The old one, just one shade of blue with a little red and black, seemed terribly dull for a hero like Blue Beetle. The new one, a though entirely blue—right blue and dark seems to fit the new Blue Beetle's personality.

So I followed Blue Beetle through Captain Atom until I read that soon Blue Beetle would be in his own book. Now I have it. It's even better than I thought it would be. If future issues are like this, this Blue Beetle will be around for several years.

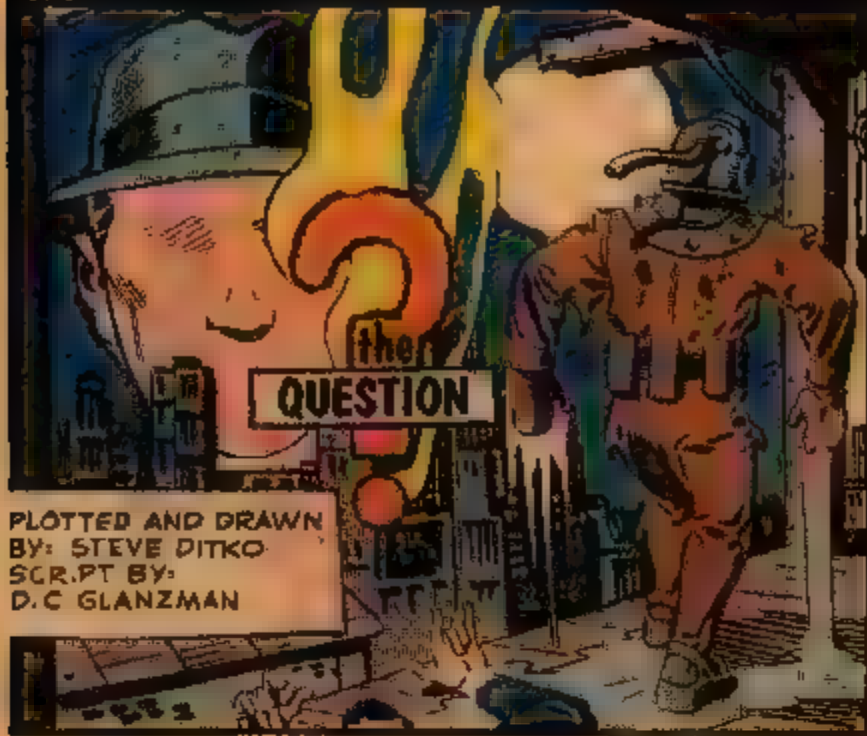
I also noticed another new hero, The Question. I have a hunch that he'll prove successful as so. A though he reminds me of the Spirit it's far superior because of its seriousness while the Spirit is slightly humorous. If The Question doesn't have his own book a year from now, I'll be surprised. This character has great potential.

Long live the Third Blue Beetle. May he live 1000 issues.

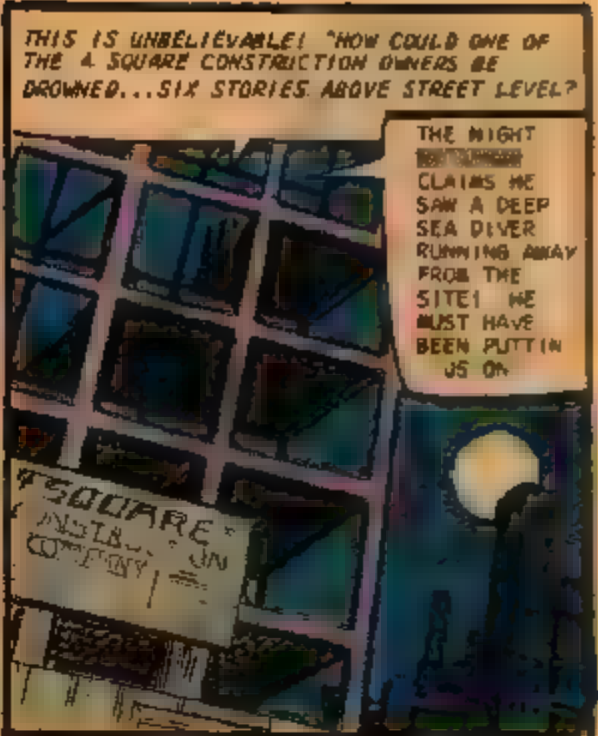
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Yeah, well, we'll settle for 500 issues, but thanks for the words of praise...we don't mind having our egos fed!



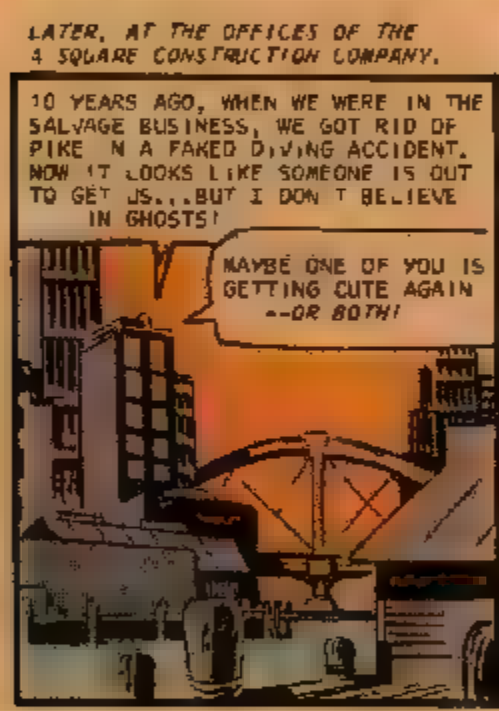


PLOTTED AND DRAWN  
BY: STEVE DITKO  
SCRIPT BY:  
D.C GLANZMAN



THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE! "HOW COULD ONE OF  
THE 4 SQUARE CONSTRUCTION OWNERS BE  
DROWNED...SIX STORIES ABOVE STREET LEVEL?

THE NIGHT  
CLAIMS HE  
SAW A DEEP  
SEA DIVER  
RUNNING AWAY  
FROM THE  
SITE! HE  
MUST HAVE  
BEEN PUTTING  
US ON



LATER, AT THE OFFICES OF THE  
4 SQUARE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

10 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE IN THE  
SALVAGE BUSINESS, WE GOT RID OF  
PIKE IN A FAKED DIVING ACCIDENT.  
NOW IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IS OUT  
TO GET US...BUT I DON'T BELIEVE  
IN GHOSTS!

MAYBE ONE OF YOU IS  
GETTING CUTE AGAIN  
--OR BOTH!



WE CAN'T RISK  
FIGHTING AMONG  
OURSELVES. WE'RE  
ALL IN THIS  
TOGETHER. SOMEONE  
FROM THE OLD DAYS  
MIGHT BE THINKING  
HE KNOWS SOMETHING  
AND IS TRYING TO  
PANIC US.

DON'T  
FORGET, VIC  
SAGE IS  
DIGGING  
INTO OUR  
OPERATIONS  
AND WE'VE  
GOT TO CUT  
A FEW  
CORNERS!



WE HAVE TO  
ACT LIKE WE  
HAVE NOTHING  
TO HIDE AND  
PLAN IT  
STRAIGHT!

BUT SAGE LIKES TO  
DIG DEEP. IF HE  
COMES UP WITH  
ANYTHING WE HAVE  
TO BE PREPARED  
TO BUY HIM OFF  
...OR FIX HIM  
ANOTHER WAY!



MEANWHILE, AT THE WORLD-WIDE  
BROADCASTING...

SAGE, QUIT TRYING  
TO MAKE NEWS.  
YOUR JOB IS JUST  
TO REPORT EVENTS  
THAT HAPPEN.  
STOP STEPPING OUT  
OF LINE.

SYD, YOU'RE  
NOT QUALI-  
FIED TO DRAW  
BOUNDARIES  
AROUND MY  
JOB!



EVERS, I TOLD  
YOU I WON'T DEAL  
WITH YOU TILL  
YOU PAY BACK  
THAT LOAN.

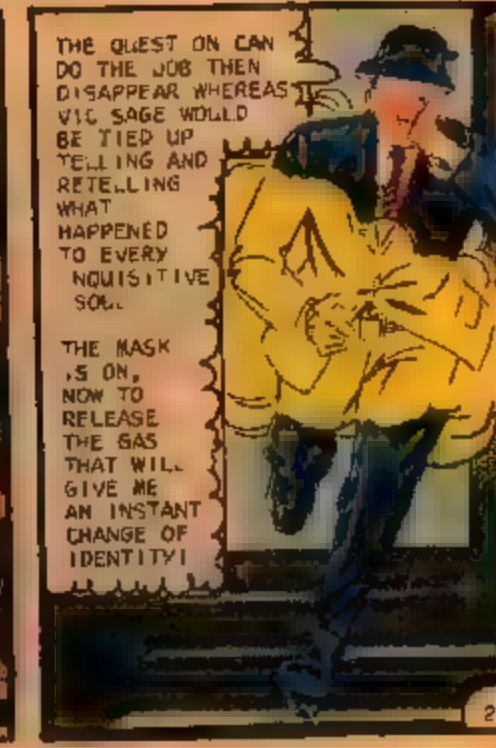
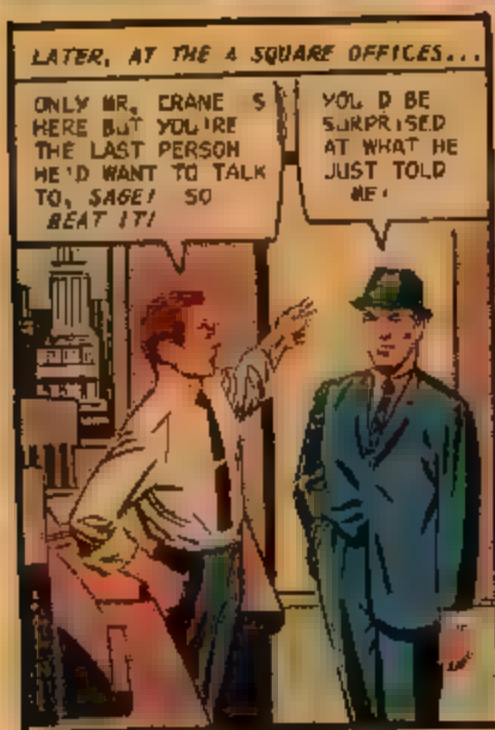
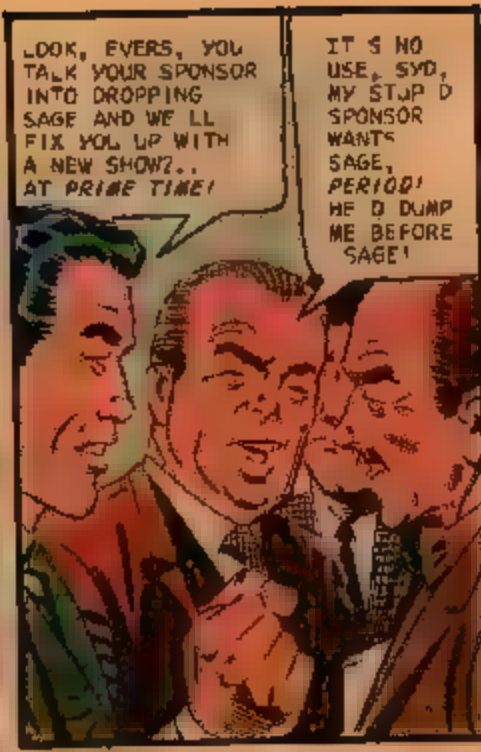
YOU WON'T  
MESS IT,  
SAGE, YOU  
MAKE PLenty  
OFF THE  
SPONSOR I  
REPRESENT!



ONE WORD FROM  
ME, SAGE, AND  
MY SPONSOR  
WILL DROP YOU  
--CAN YOU  
AFFORD TO  
LOSE THAT MUCH?

GET LOST,  
EVERS, TILL  
YOU'RE READY  
TO PAY UP.







HE'S HEADING FOR THE RIVER AND  
FOR SOMEONE WEARING A DIVING RIS.  
HE MOVES AWFULLY FAST.



I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE  
REACHES THE END OF THE PIER!



HE WON'T GO  
ANYWHERE, ONCE  
HE'S OFF HIS  
FEET,



THAT SLIT IS A FAKE, A KICK BY A  
REAL LEAD SHOE WOULD HAVE FIN  
SHED ME



WH...? HE'S TRYING TO DROWN  
ME WITH WATER FROM HIS GLOVES  
GLUB



I...I MANAGED TO RELEASE SOME GAS  
AND IT SHOOK HIM ENOUGH TO MAKE  
HIM LET UP FOR A SECOND.



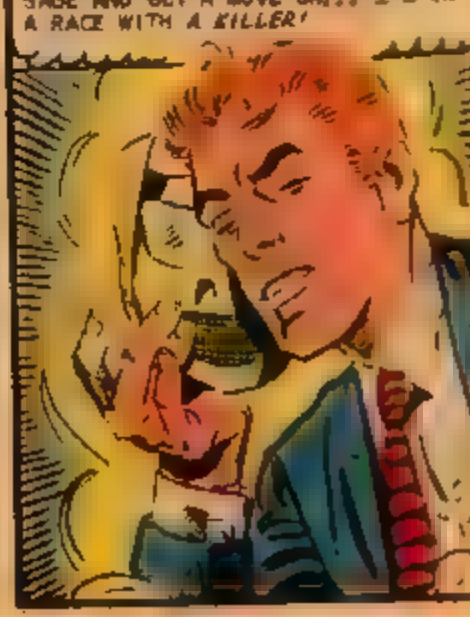
AND THAT'S ALL THE TIME I NEED  
OH, OH! I DIDN'T REALIZE WE  
WERE SO CLOSE TO THE EDGE  
HE'LL GET AWAY NOW!



LOOKS LIKE I HAVE COMPETITION!  
SOMEONE ELSE IS OUT TO GET THE  
4 SQUARE BUNCH---ONLY HE DOESN'T  
WANT THEM IN JAIL-- HE WANTS  
THEM DEAD!



THE INFORMATION MY STAFF DUG UP  
MIGHT PROVIDE A CLUE AS TO THE  
IDENTITY OF THIS DIVER OF DEATH!  
I'D BETTER CHANGE BACK TO VIC  
SAGE AND GET A MOVE ON... I'M IN  
A RACE WITH A KILLER!





SOMETIME LATER AT THE OFFICE OF THE SQUAD...

HOW DO I REALLY KNOW ONE OF YOU AREN'T OUT TO GET RID OF ME?

MUTS! HOW DO WE KNOW YOU DIDN'T STAGE THE WHOLE STUNT YOURSELF



YOU'RE CRAZY! DID I ALSO PLAN FOR SAGE TO BE HERE?

LET'S STOP NEEDLING EACH OTHER AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHO THIS DIVER IS AND HOW TO STOP HIM...AND SAGE.



THAT NIGHT— THE VICTIMS MOUNT—

NOW NUMBER 3 AND THEN THE PARTNER SHIP IS NO MORE! AFTER I PROVIDE THE POLICE WITH THEIR MURDERER, I'LL BE SAFE AND RICH. I'VE PLANNED EVERYTHING PERFECTLY.



MEANWHILE, OLD RECORDS SHED A NEW LEAD...

THE OLD SALVAGE OPERATIONS... IF ANY OF THOSE DIVERS ARE AROUND, THEY COULD BE THE KEY TO EVERYTHING.



THE QUESTION TAKES OVER THE SEARCH!

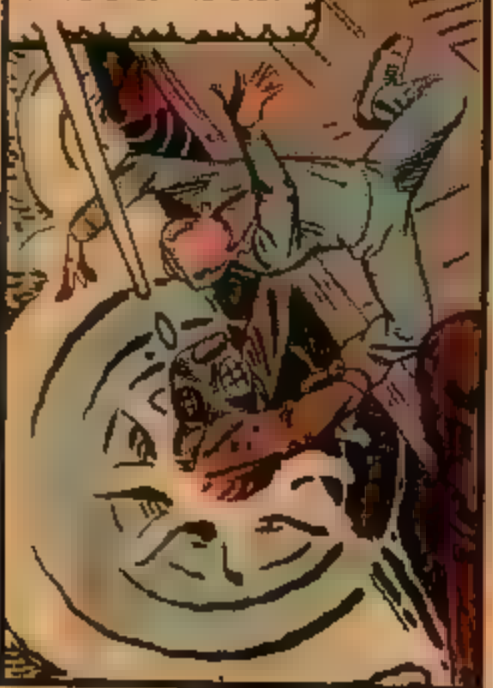
THEIR SALVAGE OPERATIONS WERE SOMEWHERE ALONG THIS DESERTED DOCK. NOT MUCH CHANCE OF FINDING ANYONE AROUND BUT STILL...



WHO'S THAT? CAN'T SEE HIS FACE BUT HE'S NO DIVER! HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING! MAYBE HE'S A COP... OR SAGE. WELL I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES, NOT NOW.



SO HE'S GOT TO DIE!



THAT SNEAK ATTACK GAVE THE DIVER A CHANCE TO GET A HOLD ON ME.



GOT TO... BREAK FREE... CAN'T LET HIM HOLD ME DOWN HERE...!





IF I CAN... JUST SHOVE H M AWAY  
...WITH MY FEET...



THAT D D IT! IT'S SO DARK DOWN  
HERE HE WON'T KNOW WHERE I'VE  
GONE!



HE HASN'T COME UP! I'D SURE  
LIKE TO KNOW WHERE HE IS!



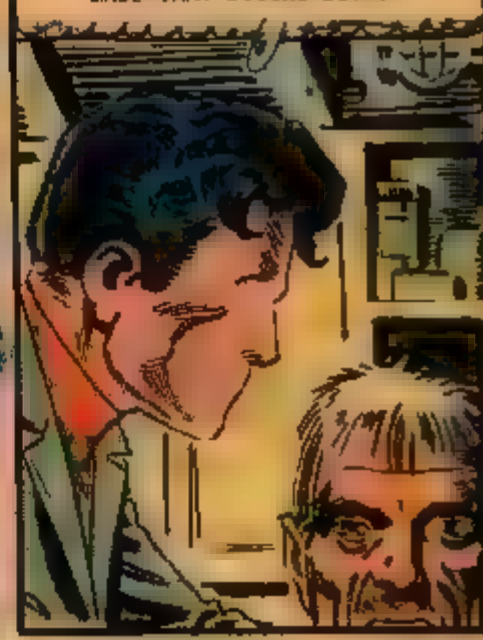
THAT'S THE OLD SALVAGE OPERATIONS  
SHACK! IT LOOKS LIKE NO ONE'S  
BEEN THERE FOR YEARS...



MAYBE SOME RECORDS---WHAI---  
STRANGE! HIS BODY IS TOO  
RIGID TO BE ASLEEP!



HE'S ALIVE BUT HE'S UNDER  
A DRUG! I'M BETTING HE  
MADE THAT DIVING SUIT!



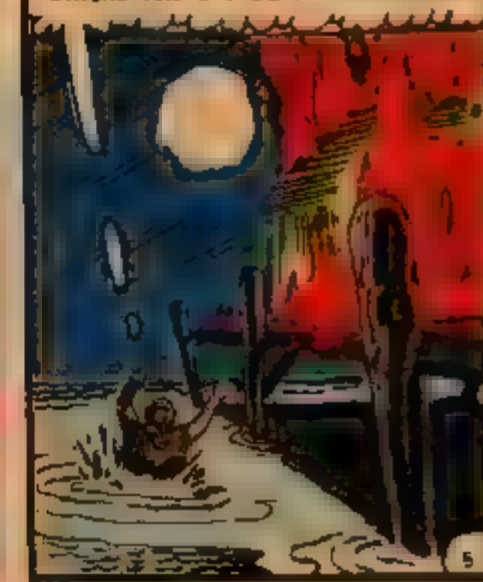
HMM. BILLS FOR PARTS AND EQUIP-  
MENT. THIS GUY IS BEING MADE A  
FALL GUY! WAIT! ON TH'S OLD  
PAD--A RECENTLY WRITTEN TELEPHONE  
NUMBER!



I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET EITHER ONE  
OF THEM LIVE, ESPECIALLY MY EX-  
HUSBAND--- I'LL HAVE TO WORK OUT  
A NEW PLAN!



I WAS GOING TO PUT THAT DRUGGED  
FOOL IN THIS SUIT HE MADE FOR  
ME AND THEN KILL HIM, MAKING IT  
LOOK LIKE SELF-DEFENSE. HE'D  
GET BLAMED FOR KILLING ALL THE  
OTHERS AND I'D BE IN THE CLEAR!



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I HOPE THE SMOKE COVERS OUR DROP. I'M SURE THE DIVER IS WATCHING TO MAKE SURE THE FIRE GETS US!



WE GOT PAST HIM-- I'LL LEAVE THIS GUY FOR THE FIREFMEN TO TAKE CARE OF.



I CAN STILL PUT THE BLAME ON JAKE. HE HAD A GRUDGE AGAINST US UNTIL I TALKED HIM INTO THIS. I CAN STILL CONVINCE THE POLICE, HE WAS BEHIND IT ALL.

HE'S LEAVING. I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM NOW BUT IF I TRACE THAT NUMBER!



ONCE I GET RID OF THIS S.U.T.-- WHA--A CARD HANGING FROM THE CEILING



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YOU'RE... THE QUESTION! BUT HOW??



WAIT! YOU'RE NOT THE LAW--WE CAN GET TOGETHER AND MAKE A DEAL!

ME AND YOU IN A DEAL---



BELIEVE ME, I CAN MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE---





LOOK, I GOT 100 GRAND HERE---  
IT'S ALL YOURS--- TAKE IT!

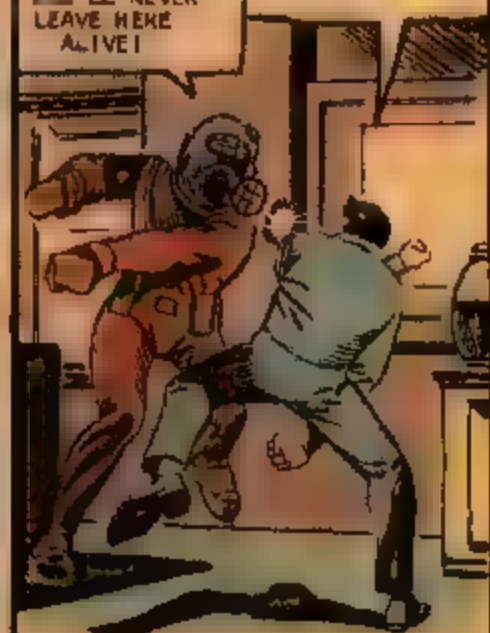


I'LL OUT YOU IN... MAKE YOU A  
FULL PARTNER! JUST YOU AND ME,  
WE'LL MAKE MILLIONS!



TURN ME DOWN,  
WILL YA? THEN  
I'LL NEVER  
LEAVE HERE  
ALIVE!

YOUR KILLING  
DAYS ARE OVER!



WITH YOU OUT OF  
THE WAY, NOBODY  
WILL HAVE ANY-  
THING AGAINST ME

IT'S OUT OF  
YOUR HANDS,  
MR. CRANE.  
THE GUY I  
PULLED OUT OF  
THE FIRE WILL  
TALK!



AND YOU WON'T BE  
NEEDING THIS  
PHONEY COSTUME  
ANY LONGER.

YOU  
D RTY...!



YOU CAN T SEND  
ME TO PRISON  
NOT NOW! I OWN  
EVERYTHING!

YOU GOT IT  
WRONG!  
PRISON IS NOT  
WHERE I WANT  
TO SEND YOU!



IT'S THE ELECTRIC CHAIR, YOU  
WORKED HARD TO PROVE YOU  
DESERVE TO SIT IN IT!



THE FOOL ONLY THOUGHT OF WHAT  
HE COULD GAIN---NOT WHAT IT  
WOULD COST HIM IF HE FAILED---  
NOW TO CALL THE POLICE!



END



# ACTION-HEROES? WE GOT 'EM!!!



THE  
**THUNDERBOLT**

THE  
**PEACEMAKER**



the  
**BLUE  
BEETLE**

**5 OF 'EM  
TO BE EXACT...  
AND THEY'RE  
NOT  
HALF BAD!**



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